

Community Happenings

From the Den . . .



The third annual Sisters Weekend will be April 21-23, and you could be a part of the big event! The weekend, planned by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership (DSCP), promises an indulgent getaway for 'sisters of all sorts.' Hotel Baker will be the host hotel for sisters from across the country. A wine and cheese reception, pajama party and personal enrichment sessions, plus a Main Stage event at the Arcada Theater featuring the nationally known Four Bitchin' Babes, are just a few of the exciting events included in the registration fee of \$50. The first 500 to register will receive a special Sisters Weekend tote bag. If you are a sister, sister-in-law, sorority sister, soul sister, or sorta sister, visit www.sistersweekend.com to download a brochure and registration form, or call the DSCP at (630) 513-5386.

Newspaper Deliveries

Some residents have asked for information on how to stop delivery of some newspapers. Following is contact information for the local newspapers. We hope this will be helpful.

Chicago Tribune, (800) TRI-BUNE
Daily Herald, (847) 427-4333
St. Charles Examiner, (630) 830-4145
Kane County Chronicle, (630) 232-9239
St. Charles Republican, (630) 368-1144
The Sun St. Charles, (630) 355-8014/
sundelivery@scn1.com

Bib Overall Blast



The BIB is Back! Come join the Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association (MVNIA) in our 2006 Bib Overall Blast fundraiser on April 28! Call the MVNIA Office (630-584-1996) or visit www.mvnia.org for tickets or details.

Business Expo

The 13th Annual Rolling Down the River Business to Business Expo will be May 3, 2-8 p.m., at Pheasant Run Resort

Mega Center. This is the largest business expo in the far western suburbs, with over 170 exhibitors. Admission is free to the public. The expo is presented by the Bartlett, Batavia, Elgin Area, Geneva, South Elgin, St. Charles, Warrenville and West Chicago Chambers of Commerce. Contact Deborah Scott at the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, (630) 584-8384, for more information.

2006 Fine Art Show

Memorial Day Weekend will bring more than 80 artists to downtown St. Charles for the 8th annual St. Charles



Fine Art Show. A new sponsor, Harris Bank St. Charles, and a new location, Main Street (Rt. 64) south along 1st Ave., promise a fresh look and feel to the juried fine art show. Painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, mixed media and jewelry will be on display for art buyers and browsers alike. Free admission, free parking, live music, artist demonstrations, a silent auction and kids' activities are all part of the weekend show. Hours are May 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact the Downtown St. Charles Partnership (630-513-5386/www.dtown.org) with questions or for more information.

Rose Sale



The Noon Kiwanis club of St. Charles is, once again, holding their annual Rose Sale. Orders for bunches of one dozen roses, \$20 each, may be submitted by phone (630-584-1225) or fax (630-584-1396) through April 7. Roses are available in a wide variety of colors and may be picked up on April 25, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Baker Community Center, 101 South 2nd St. Proceeds will support youth organizations and programs sponsored by the Noon Kiwanis and Key Clubs.

Blood Drive

The City of St. Charles Wellness Team is sponsoring a Community Blood

Drive on April 11, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Heartland Blood Center's mobile donation unit will be in the lot on the corner of 1st Ave. and Main. Donors should bring a picture ID and register in City Hall. Please call the Human Resources office at (630) 377-4446 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information on donating blood, visit www.heartlandbc.org or call 800-7TO-GIVE (800-786-4483).



Hot on the Press

The 2006 St. Charles Visitors Guide will be delivered to all residents in mid-April. The Guide is a colorful and useful showcase of St. Charles to visitors from across the

globe. Be sure to save the detached card accompanying your free guide. Call the St. Charles Visitors Bureau at (630) 377-6161 to request additional copies. We hope residents and visitors enjoy this issue that highlights the best in your own backyard!

Sculpture Exhibit

A *Sculpture in the Park* exhibit will be on display in Mt. St. Mary Park from May to October 2006. The display will be visible and accessible from Prairie St. and Rte. 31. Nine sculptors have been invited to display their work. Participating sculptors are Guy Bellaver, Brent George, Todd Willing, James Jenkins, John Slavik, Kai Schulte, Merle Hummel, Howard Russo and Bruce Niemi. This exhibit is cosponsored by the Public

Art Committee of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and the St. Charles Park District.

Home Repairs

If your home needs repair but finances are tight, Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc., may be able to help. They offer low interest loans to qualifying homeowners to use for home repairs and improvements. Call (630) 584-1996 or visit www.mvnia.org for details.



ReUselt Center

Remodeling? Check out the ReUselt Center, 1530 Hubbard Ave., Batavia (Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). Call (630) 761-4240 for information, to donate or volunteer.

	St. Charles Public Library One S. 6th Ave. St. Charles, IL 60174		Web Site: www.stcharleslibrary.org		Email: scplref@linc.lib.il.us	
	Phone 584-0076 Fax 584-3448	Home Deliv. – Ext. 219 Study Rooms - Ext. 210	Meeting Rms. – Ext. 230 Youth Svcs. – 584-9390	Night Owl - 584-4563		

Centennial Celebrations

Century Book Clubs ~ Kick off the Library's Centennial Celebration and join a Century Book Club. Logs will guide you through the reading experience until Dec. 20. Reading rewards include t-shirts, drawings, and finale event.

Genre ~ Read 10 books from a variety of fiction and nonfiction subjects.

Decade ~ Read 10 books set or published in the 20th Century.

Nonfiction Bingo ~ Read 10 books to complete 2 columns in any direction.

Fiction Bingo ~ Read 10 books to complete 2 columns in any direction.

National Library Week Open House ~ 2-3:30 p.m. ~ Apr. 9 ~ Enjoy pianist Terry Andrew in the Carnegie Community Room, a One-Man Band sing-along with Ryan Petermann in the Meeting Room, ribbon cutting for the new

Spanish Language collection, tours, and refreshments.

Youth Programs

The **Summer Program Guide** will be available, and book club registration begins, May 16. Program registration begins June 3.

Book Capers ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 13, *Popcorn* by James Stevenson; May 11, *The Invisible Dog* by Dick King-Smith

Book Characters Visits ~ 11 a.m. ~ Arthur visits on Apr. 14; Maisy visits May 5.

Book Magic ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 18, *Insect Antics*; May 16, "Motor Mania."

Scene Stealers ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 20, reader's choice, May 18, *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar.

Kids Corner ~ 4:15 p.m. ~ Apr. 24, "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs;" May 22, "Simply Frogs."

Multi-Age Story Time ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ Tues. & Wed. through May 3 ~ For

preschool kids and adults with a library card.

Every Child Ready to Read

Workshops ~ 9:30-11 a.m. & 1-2:30 p.m. ~ May 17, 19 or 25 ~ early literacy skills for children.

Voyage to Book Island summer reading clubs will be featured at the Library May 16-Aug. 5 for all ages.

Adult Programs

History of St. Charles ~ 7 p.m. ~ Apr. 4 ~ Discuss St. Charles' rich history with long time residents in the Carnegie Community Room.

Joe K. Anderson Roundtable ~ 1-2:30 p.m. ~ Apr. 19 ~ Bring along a story to share and any photos or other objects related to the Library to the Carnegie Community Room.

Donna Seaman ~ 7 p.m. ~ Apr. 25 ~ Author, radio personality and Associate Editor of Booklist Magazine, Donna will discuss her new book, *Writers on the Air* in the Carnegie Community Room.